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<u>**REMARKS**</u>

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is courteously requested in order to place all claims in this application in allowable condition and/or to place the non-allowed claims in better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 1, 3 and 10 through 16 remain in this application. Claims 2 and 4 though 9 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn. Claims 17 and 18 have been added.

Paragraphs 8 through 18 of the Office Action

Claims 10 through 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Garrett.

Claims 1, 3, 15 and 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garrett in view of Jacobi.

It is submitted that the cited patents, and especially the allegedly obvious combination of Garrett and Jacobi set forth in the rejection of the Office Action, would not lead one skilled in the art to the applicant's invention as required by claims 1 and 15. Further, claim 3, which depends from claim 1 and claim 16, which depends from claim 15 also include the requirements discussed above and therefore are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the 102(b) and §103(a) rejections of claims 1, 3 and 10 through 16 is therefore respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

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